

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

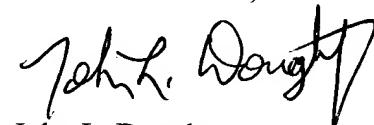
In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-22 were noted as pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-22 stand rejected. Claims 4-5, 14-15 and 19 are objected to. Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 16-22 are canceled by this amendment. Dependent claims 4, 5 and 15 have been amended so that they are now in independent form and include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Thus, these remaining independent claims are allowable per paragraph 5 of the office action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment please contact the undersigned at the mailing address, telephone, facsimile number, or e-mail address indicated below.

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